



Media Release

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WA Federal Members must reject an increase in fuel tax

The RAC is calling on WA Members of Parliament to stand up for our State and reject any move to increase fuel tax in next week's Federal budget.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs Will Golsby said any proposal to increase fuel excise must be stopped in its tracks.

"It is estimated that the Australian Government collects just over \$2.1 billion in car-related taxes each year, a take that includes GST from car and associated sales and excise duty on petrol," Mr Golsby said.

"However for every dollar that Canberra collects from WA motorists in car-related taxes, just 36 is returned to the State for spending on roads.

"There was no hint of an increase in fuel tax before the Federal Election and a change now would simply be a grab for cash, and a hit to motorists' hip pockets.

"WA motorists will already be paying more due to increases in motor vehicle registration, licencing and Compulsory Third Party Insurance handed down in yesterday's State budget. They do not need a new fuel tax on top of those additional charges."

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